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Applicant: Nicholas L. ABBOTT *et al.*
Title: DETECTING COMPOUNDS
WITH LIQUID CRYSTALS
Appl. No.: 09/931,635
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for filing an appeal brief in the above-identified application for the period required to make the appeal brief timely.

A Notice of Appeal in the above-identified application was mailed via first class mail on December 1, 2005, and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 5, 2005. A copy of the Notice of Appeal is attached, along with a copy of the OIPE stamped postcard. The Appeal Brief is due to be filed by February 5, 2006. Because Applicants require additional time, Applicants are filing this petition for an extension of time.

The extension fee for response within the first month is \$60.00. A check for this amount is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2350. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check

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Respectfully submitted,

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